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From Monday, January 19th, 1981 NBC NEWS TODAY SHOW with Reports on the pending release of the 52 American Hostages in Iran which by this date had been held for 443 days and the in coming Reagan administration

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[Music] we have now recent agreement with iran which will result i believe in the freedom of our american hostages the last documents have now been signed in algiers following the signing of the documents in iran which will result in disagreement president jimmy carter at the white house at 4 55 eastern standard time this morning january 19 1981 the last full day of his presidency announcing that iran now has agreed to release the hostages good morning everyone i'm tom brokaw here with jane paul and willard scott as today comes to you live from washington always good morning folks good morning good morning some morning and we're going to be covering it all here for the next two hours as ronald reagan prepares to take office jimmy carter prepares to leave on a triumphant note the hostage crisis is coming to an end judy woodruff is at the white house this morning where she has been all night long judy it has been a long and mostly sleepless night here at the white house tom with everyone from the president to reporters and photographers waiting for the fateful word from algeria that an agreement between the united states and iran had been signed as you said that word came a little after four o'clock this morning washington time and about an hour later just before five o'clock president carter appeared before cameras in the briefing room he said an agreement had been reached which would result he believed in the freeing of the hostages the release of our hostages then we will unfreeze and transfer to the iranians a major part of the assets which were frozen by me when the iranians seized our embassy compound and

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compound and took our hostages we have also reached complete agreement on the arbitration procedures between ourselves and iran with the help of the algerians which will resolve the claims that exist between residents of our nation and iran and vice versa i particularly want to express my public thanks as i have already done privately to the algerians to their president their foreign minister binyaya and to the three-man negotiating teams who have done such a superb job in fair and equitable arbitration between ourselves and the officials of iran mr carter also revealed that there are still a few documents that remain yet to be signed before the money is actually transferred and the hostages are released we don't know what those documents are but we have no reason to believe that they will present any major obstacle even so the president refused to express any personal feeling this morning he said he would wait until the hostages are actually set free and then he would make another statement we believe that will be before cameras here in the briefing room again it is still expected that mr carter will fly to wiesbaden west germany if he can make that trip and return in time for tomorrow's inauguration ceremony there is enough time for him to do that now but unless the hostages are released in the next several hours he may lose the opportunity tom thank you judy the agreement to release the hostages as we have been saying was signed in algiers early this morning by deputy secretary of state warren christopher who negotiated the final terms here's keith miller it was the beginning the first step to free the 52 american hostages deputy secretary of state warren christopher had earlier been authorized by president carter and secretary of state muskie to initial the document on behalf of the united states before the signing christopher thanked the algerians you and your colleagues in iran have

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you and your colleagues in iran have performed this heavy responsibility with great impartiality discretion and high skill the american people will always remember this contribution to humanitarian matters by the algerian people and their leaders the algerian foreign minister muhammad bin yaya presented christopher with three booklets 22 pages christopher initialed the upper right hand corner of each page after handing the documents to ben yaya christopher said that today there is a lot to smile about immediately after the initial the agreement was transmitted to washington but before leaving christopher said there is still much to do that with this signing efforts now begin on three continents to bring the hostages home keith miller nbc news algiers and i'm told there is now another late development we're going to the state department where we have bob kerr standing by bob what's the story down there well tom first of all uh good morning and the state department has just as of four or five minutes ago released copies of two documents two textual documents the ones which were signed and i have not had a chance yet frankly to read them they're in pretty complex legal legal terms and i will we'll get you a report on these later in the broadcast basically we're told and i'm not sure these particular figures are in these documents but basically i'm told we're talking about now an initial escrow payment which would go to algeria and then to iran when the hostages are released of between seven and a half and eight and a half billion dollars but again these were just handed to me and i'll get you more on them a little later tom there is no great uh celebration here no visible jubilation and people here say that won't come until the uh hostages are actually on their way out of iran people here have been told to take a break for the next couple of hours and the expectation is that nothing much

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the expectation is that nothing much will happen between now and a couple of hours from now a few minutes as of a few minutes ago a special state department team which is on alert ready to go over to v spot in west germany and meet the hostages when they arrive have not yet been told to report to the airport and leave we are told that two medevac planes left wiesbaden on what's described as routine maneuvers but significantly these are the same planes which picked up the first group of hostages more than a year ago and the ones that delivered richard queen we're also told that algerian doctors have begun examining the hostages now over in iran so obviously preparations are now underway to get the hostages out we don't know how long it will take though tom back to you now we'll be getting back to you later in the today program to see if we can't get details out of that text that you've just been handed there at the state department this morning as this morning's agreement is a triumph for president carter it must be a relief to incoming president ronald reagan he can begin his presidency tomorrow with one less major problem bill lynch is outside blair house this morning where the reagans are staying before they move just across the street in pennsylvania avenue bill good morning tom while the incoming president is clearly pleased to be taking office without the hostage crisis on his shoulders he is not expected to say much if anything before they are actually on a plane on their way home we are prayerful and watchful now those the words of one senior aide this morning he said it's what carter has been waiting for and what we've been waiting for it was at 4 39 this morning that white house press secretary jody powell telephoned jim brady reagan's press secretary to tell him of the agreement reached in algiers and signed there brady notified officials here at blair house but they decided not to awaken the president-elect at that hour however we are told that he is up now and has been fully briefed the president-elect does not want to intrude on mr carter's satisfaction in resolving the 14 and a half month crisis quite literally on the last day of his term this according to one top reagan aid will be on his watch

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on his watch he's in charge it's his people that did it the major concern right now said this official is the relief that we'll all feel when the hostages actually come home tom okay bill do we expect to see the reagans before too long this morning uh actually not uh the president-elect will be briefed here uh this morning at nine o'clock a short time later he'll have his national security affairs briefing then he will have a number of private meetings with his economic advisors and his cabinet he won't really be seen out in public until later today when he attends the inaugural gala at the capitol center in suburban maryland thanks very much bill lynch

two american 727 airliners are on the ground in tehran this morning waiting to pick up the hostages and to fly them to wiesbaden west germany where extensive preparations have been made for medical examinations and intelligence debriefings we have richard velariani standing by in west germany this morning with this roundup richard tom there's a great sense of antici anticipation here but not a great deal of visible activity when the hostages are freed they will eventually be flown to the american air force base in frankfurt here in frankfurt the rhine mine air force base and then they'll be taken by bus to the air force hospital in bispadin about 20 miles away for a program of rehabilitation and preparation for their re-entry into the real world correspondents john hart and fred francis are standing by to report on what's happening at reinmind and at biespaden first john hart what's happening here dick as you can see is air force snow plows and sweepers are taking last night's snow off the military ramp at rhinemaine air base this is where the airplanes which bring the hostages here the newly freed americans are expected to arrive then they will disembark and get on those blue buses for the hospital 20 miles away this is about all the preparations that are necessary here at reinmind because this place has been ready for this expected event for over a year there have been four military versions of the dc-9 airplane with the red

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of the dc-9 airplane with the red crosses painted on the tails here over the weekend two of them left this morning on what we are told are routine missions one within germany and one to italy and of course they could be diverted if necessary two others are standing by except of course the algerians as you know have asked for refueling rights in turkey so they could bring the hostages here if that is what is desired we understand that some of the medical team from washington have already arrived at the hospital in wiesbaden and that's where fred francis is fred john some of the medical team has arrived they came in this morning along with state department spokesman jack cannon more of the medical team will come in today a team of about 20 psychiatrists medical specialists psychologists and psychiatric caseworkers and they will begin the decompression it could be up to seven days here at this hospital on the third floor that has been set aside which has been ready for 14 months and there's real excitement at wiesbaden air force hospital this morning members of the american air force community came out this morning they they have been baking cookies and fudge there are tens of thousands of americans within a hundred mile radius of this hospital and that's part of the plan of decompression to give these hospital these hostages a little bit of america and they will get that here uh back to richard valeriani at frankfurt control thanks fred francis john hart as fred francis said the hostages are expected to remain in wiesbaden for about a week the state department has asked the families of the hostages not to join them here while they're here since they're not considered emotionally ready for family reunions now back to tom brokaw in new york thank you richard of course we'll have those people standing by live all morning long just in case the plane does take off it'll take a while for it to get from tehran to wiesbaden many of those hostage families we've

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many of those hostage families we've gotten to know almost as well as our own they were up almost all night long many of them were in touch with the state department just before the announcement was made we'll be back in just a few moments here on today jane will be talking with at least two of the families directly involved but first this is today on nbc [Music] barry rosen was press attache at the u.s embassy in tehran when it was seized 14 months ago he was one of the hostages paraded around the grounds shortly thereafter his wife is now with us in our new york studios barbara rosen good morning what is it joy shock relief well it's a combination of all three i guess until we are actually reunited i suppose that this is the beginning of the end and yet it's not the actual end itself would you rather be in v spot in west germany now or is this good enough no i feel that barry will need some time to sort of get his uh his own feelings together and get cleaned up and make himself presentable the way he'd want to be seen you know by me and by the entire world so i'm willing to give him that time to get himself together one of the other hostage wives said that the first ordeal appears to be over and the next ordeal begins do you approach the reunion with trepidation are you afraid i wouldn't say that i'm afraid i realize that there will be adjustments to be made there's been a 14-month separation between myself and my husband and the between the children and my husband and there will be

adjustments to be made on both our parts but i'm sure that that will work itself out have you have you thought about what you'll say first when the telephone rings i think that'll be between barry and myself i think i probably will uh barbara how old are your children are they are they too young to remember

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they are they too young to remember their father well they're not too young to remember their father well i have a two-year-old daughter and a four-year-old son they both talk about him all the time and although they don't know he's coming home yet because i don't see the purpose of saying he'll be home again soon um they they will be looking forward to it do you know yet where the reunion will finally be when it comes a week or 10 days perhaps from now no i don't um the hostage families requested that the reunion be held in secrecy somewhere here in the united states were you part of that request yes i am i feel it's very important that we have a private reunion i know that the public wants to see barry and all the other hostages and yet the most important thing is that i see him first and that he sees his children his family he was impressed attache though will he be more ready than others to uh to be gobbled up by us and the media and the people public we'll see i guess that'll be up to him well thank you and we hope that the best happens and that you get very good news and can share it with your children right away thank you very much barbara rosen also one of the hostages was the embassy vice council donald cook his parents are in memphis at their home with bob jimenez this morning bob thank you jane and good morning dr cook and susan cook this is indeed a good morning for you isn't it yeah it certainly is how are you feeling now well since i haven't gotten much sleep and we've been entertaining hordes of media people since 1 30 friday i'm sort of i guess numb right now but uh but is the waiting over you you've seen well the waiting will be the waiting will be over when he gets uh out of the country uh there's still a little concern and uh we have to see them in algiers or we spot and wherever they go first and then we'll then it'll be over mrs

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and then we'll then it'll be over mrs cook when was the last time you heard from don oh easter is the last letter we received from him but we did see him on the christmas film and he looked good on the christmas film okay and you're anticipating this reunion and yeah looking very welcome yes i'm sure he'll be fine both of you attended a conference in houston texas last summer in which experts that dealt with pows talk to you do you consider donald a prisoner of war will he be treated that way what special adjustments will you make tony well there's no question in my mind that the experience has been very similar it hasn't been identical for a number of reasons but it certainly is extremely similar and i think that uh he'll need five to seven days uh maybe more of peace and quiet to to readjust without the emotional strain of having to uh re-enter society and deal with other emotional problems and i think he went in there without any problems and i fully expect him to come out without any problems richard queen seems to have made an excellent recovery i'm not even sure he's made a recovery i think he's been in excellent shape all along and i expect donald to react in the same way you earlier told me you would prefer not to have gone to weak spot why well it isn't really a preference the best advice is that they need this time alone the best advice is that the people that came out a year ago in november and richard queen all felt that maybe they were rushed back to this country too soon and it just doesn't make sense to me to go to wiesbaden if it's all right for the families to

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if it's all right for the families to see the hostages right away then let's bring the hostages to this country there's just no need uh to go to wiesbaden for that purpose and the reason they're going to wispon is they need the peace and quiet okay thank you very much and a happy reunion to both of you thank you jane thank you bob the cooks in memphis we've known them and the other hostage families now for well this is the 443rd day of captivity we'll be back in a moment with more on today but first this is today on nbc good morning everyone you are looking at the west front of the capitol backlit this morning on the day before the inauguration of ronald wilson reagan is the 40th president of the united states this is today i'm tom brokaw here with willard and jane we're devoting most of this program of course this morning to the deal that has

been struck between the united states and iran announced dramatically in the white house in the middle of the night at about 3 30 eastern standard time 4 55 eastern standard time that president carter appeared there in the white house briefing room to say a deal has been made a few eyes still to be dotted a few tees still to be crossed there's a good possibility the president will be going to west germany to greet the hostages who are still in tehran but now we are told just hours from being released after 443 days in captivity let's go to judy woodruff who's standing by live at the white house this morning with further details on this unfolding story judy well tom the activity here at the white house does seem to be picking up somewhat some white house staff members have just taken out television camera crews to the south portico the diplomatic entrance of the white house that is the place of course where president carter would leave to get on a helicopter to fly to andrews air force base and then on to west germany we don't know what time he will leave but the fact that they are taking the cruise out there to get in position indicates that it would be sometime soon

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indicates that it would be sometime soon perhaps in the next hour or so we are told that the president would make a statement at the south portico before he gets on a helicopter and we will just have to wait to see what that statement is when he appeared in the briefing room a little more than well about two and a half hours ago he said that he believed all the elements were in place that the hostages would be set free but he said he would say nothing further until all the documents were signed and as you just noted there are a few of those that remain to be signed and we'll we're still waiting and thank you judy woodruff in money matters well one of the questions raised by the release of the hostage is just how much did it cost economics correspondent mike jensen is standing by in new york with a report on that mike jane we're uh things are really popping here in new york now it's a situation where the bankers have been meeting since yesterday morning right now they are still standing by at citi corp center on the 33rd floor in a lawyer's office they are waiting word from the administration in washington that they should put in a telephone call to the fed and begin the process of transferring the assets i talked to a financial source just 15 minutes ago and he said that we were very very close perhaps within minutes of this happening he uh another banking source told me about 10 minutes ago that the bankers in that lawyer's office had not yet received the phone call but that they expected it to come imminently so it appears that everything is in place for the transfer of the money now that does not mean that it will be out of the control of the united states at the point it's transferred we could still have control even though it physically was not in this country what i'd like to do now is show you how this process will work the money will come from the banks they as i said are sitting in this office in new york they will pick up telephones and call the federal reserve bank of new

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and call the federal reserve bank of new york at that point the money will be aggregated in the fed in new york the fed will then probably by sending a telex transfer that money to the bank of england now at this point there is a little uh confusion as to what the specific figures are there have been reports that six billion dollars of money will be transferred by the the banks through the fed to the bank of england but that about three and a half billion dollars of that will then be made available by the iranians to pay off loans however once that has been sorted out and a certain amount amount of money set aside to pay off the loans that the american banks had made to iran then probably the algerians will be given power of attorney so that at the moment the hostages are released are in neutral air space that money can go to algiers and then to tehran that's how the process will work thank you mike it's now about uh well 29 or so hours until ronald reagan becomes president of the united states to members of his inner circle we'll talk with tom in a moment but first a message [Music] i'm standing by laura's got a borrowed suit coat this morning but he's got his own weather right well i had a little trouble the first part but we're organized now we call the right people let's check to see what we have they have a thing called a january thaw around here and we are experiencing it today in washington it's going to be 50 degrees and sunny and beautiful tomorrow inauguration day may turn a little funny though temperatures get up to 43 degrees tomorrow afternoon then drop tomorrow night cloudy skies maybe some rain around 4 or 5 o'clock and even some snow i'm sorry about that gang we have all the folks

in the administration coming in right now i don't want to get anybody all fired up but you might prepare for a little snow tomorrow night it is possible let's check and see what the temperature bands look like across the country this morning if we have those

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morning if we have those temperatures are really quite mild marquette michigan 44 degrees yesterday that is a record high for marquette michigan that's all part of what we laughingly call the january thaw it doesn't always last that long it looks like it won't this time a lot of rain in texas and a snow system that's beginning to build up down to the tennessee valley colder air moving in tomorrow rain from texas all the way up to nebraska that will be moving up through the tennessee valley and off the north carolina coast and that could change the snow in the mid-atlantic states tomorrow night and throughout new england sunny southern california as always beautiful some showers in the northwest today now let's see what's happening in your part of the country this morning we have miami 68 in sunshine new york 43 in sunny st louis 54 in clouds seattle 55 and clouds that's it for right now we'll return in about a half an hour whether you want me or not here's no no we've got you we want to keep you here now two of the key members of ronald reagan's inner circle are with us here on today this morning i have next to me paul laxalt the senator from nevada who is kind of the new president's personal emissary in the united states senate and just on his other side is kasper weinberger who is the incoming defense secretary gentlemen let me ask you first as we're asking everyone this morning your reaction to the situation to the agreement that jimmy carter is struck with the iranians beautiful result and i think that the president and warren christopher and the whole team over there deserves an awful lot of commendation they've really hung in there these last several vexing days do you have any trouble with the terms of the agreement so far as you know them mr weinberger i don't really know them in any detail yet i think everybody's absolutely delighted and will be when they come home i think there are a lot of questions about what we might try to do in the future to deal with or prevent a similar situation should it ever arise let me ask you that question a lot of us were speculating last night that one of the lines that we'll probably hear from ronald reagan tomorrow if the hostages are in fact safely back in west germany is that never again will this kind of thing happen that the united states announces a new policy

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a new policy that if any of our people are taken hostage we will not negotiate in any way will we have a new policy under the rule i certainly wouldn't want to uh anticipate or speak for governor on this particular point i know he's got a very definite very clear ideas on it that i'm sure he would want to uh would want to go into but certainly i think one of the elements of this agreement i i hope and i believe is that it does not involve anything except the return of the uh of the iranian funds that that were actually frozen and i think it is it is essential that we do develop some kind of a policy to try to discourage and deter this sort of thing ever happening again and i think that uh i i hope that can be done what are your recommendations for that kind of i haven't made any to him yet but you have some thoughts on it i have some thoughts on it surely would you like to share them with us well only only only to the extent that i would think it has to be very clear to uh to any band of outlaws anywhere in the world whether it's an organized government or or simply a uh a group of uh of terrorists that uh there would be very uh uh severe uh ultimate reprisals by the united states should anything of this kind happen and that there would be nothing in the uh in the way of tribute or ransom uh ever paid you agree with that position just don't think that we can tolerate having this kind of difficulty again and part of the problem really was that we didn't have a clearly enough defined policy must have at time one of the parts of the problem according to many analysts was that we didn't either have any military leverage that we could exert in that part of the world we didn't have a rapid deployment force we didn't have a kind of a rescue operation that could move in there very swiftly does that become a top priority in this administration you're sitting next to the secretary of defense yes and i'll defer to the secretary of defense no i think that without any question it's a top priority it has to be and i would think that we would certainly want to work very closely with paul and the members of congress uh to try to develop that capability as

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uh to try to develop that capability as as quickly as possible and have it no one has a capability that's one of the their equal almost equally important priorities what about an american military presence in the middle east as you know secretary of former secretary of state henry kissinger has been recommending that recently would you be willing to commit troops or some kind of american military presence on the ground in that part of the world well i think the first question is would the with the host governments want that to be done i don't think we want to uh get into any kind of a situation unless we're invited and unless there's considered to be a desirable uh it's desirable to have an american military presence there i personally think it's extremely important for our whole future because of the obvious connection not only with the oil but the the need to prevent possibly unfriendly governments getting a lodgement there would you have any trouble with putting american troops over there well uh as cap indicated i think the first consideration we'd have be the reaction of those host countries uh i would think based upon this total situation that if we can reestablish a better identification with them perhaps they'd be receptive and i personally think that would be a good result tom what should be our relations with iran once this hostage crisis has been resolved fully well i would hope that we'd be able to restore fundamentally our alliance with iran i think it serves our purposes militarily and i've always drawn a distinction my own mind between the people in iran generally and its leadership i know that the people in iran have historically been sympathetic to this country and i would hope capped that we could restore that alliance oh i would agree but i think we have to we have to have uh somebody with whom we could ally and i don't think there's anything over there at the moment that is in any way uh like a stable government or a government whose policy can be identified we've seen that repeatedly over the 400 days that the the difficulty of knowing with whom you are negotiating and who actually speaks for the government has been very great but basically the iranians people as paula said have always been very very friendly and we need all the friends we can get

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friends we can get let me ask you questions about other subjects this morning as well when do you think that we will have a renewal of salt talks in the reagan administration which weinberg well it takes two to negotiate and uh we uh uh i think the process should certainly go on i don't think you're going to get a very good result if you enter into negotiations from a period from a position of weakness and i think to be very frank about it america is far weaker than any of us would like to have it at this stage but i don't it's hard to give any particular time estimate but i would hope we'd enter into negotiations after it is very clear to all that america is re-arming and is taking the steps to regain the strength that we we should have had casper weinberger the incoming secretary of defense paul axelt uh senator from nevada very close friend of ronald reagan thanks very much for being with us this morning thank you tom i know that everyone wishes you well in the coming four years thank you very much thank you we'll be back in just a few moments jane will be talking with a psychiatrist who's been looking at the conditions under which the hostages have been living and what we may be able to expect once they get out of iran but first time for a station [Music] with us this morning is uh dr steve pacinic he is a former state department official and is now a consultant on hostage psychiatric problems now we know that the hostage families as much as they want to see their relatives who will be we hope coming home or at least arriving in wiesbaden sometime today though they have not yet left tehran let's make that clear they will not be allowed to see them right away now most of the hostage families i understand are perfectly agreeable to that but there is some some question if the hostage families can't see them right away is it healthy for president carter to be making plans to go

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making plans to go dr poteneck what do you think i think you hit a very important point here that there is a double standard working right now the most important aspect of this and why the families are not able to go or should not go at this particular point i think all the families understand that is that the hostages do not see themselves as victors or conquerors they see themselves very much as victims of opportunity so when they come back they don't see themselves in the great glory and high self-esteem that the country will hold them in many of them have great reservations about themselves about the country about the state department what has happened to them and how the situation was handled so when they come back they have a lot of

embarrassment shame and concern which will take time for them to integrate just off hand i would assume then that the president's welcome if he was there in person would be good for the self-esteem not necessarily historically we have found that one of the most serious problems that the doctors will have in wiesbaden that will complicate an already complicated situation is the fact that these hostages will be released and exposed to a high amount of media exposure very rapidly and specifically to the president of the united states and the reason is it raises their psychological anti so high so falsely so unrealistically that it has to take time to come down it would have been preferable had the president waited five days until they were allowed to decompress and integrate their own thoughts and their feelings their mixed emotions and then greeted the hostages we had a similar problem when nixon met with the pows and he was asked by the professionals involved would he hold off the greeting until the pows were reintegrated after a certain period of time unfortunately he did not heed the warning and eventually it was the pows that had to pay the price this is true of

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to pay the price this is true of many statesmen when golden myer greeted her soldiers her pows coming back from the golan heights she was asked not to be at the plane when her soldiers came back the wounded the not wounded i guess you've got to weigh is the political advantage over the emotional disadvantage of you describe it which perhaps there is some accommodation that could be made you are holding in your hand what what you say is a schedule that the hostages when they arrive in wiesbaden uh will the processing will begin for example how well i believe this would be the latest schedule and i think when they come the first thing that will happen clearly is that they will have go through the hospital admission procedure that is which beds will they go to they will have their own rooms their own telephone as you mentioned but most importantly and i think the most important opening statement and the tenor of the entire meeting professional meeting will be set by the medical director of the state department who will say and greet them with i am here to serve you and that will be the tone that will set the professional standards for the subsequent five days so that basically the professionals there are there literally to serve the needs both psychological and physical needs of the hostages that will take about an hour or so then they will have an extensive medical examination and an excellent one that will take about two to three hours and afterwards clearly they will go to their telephones they will talk to their families then they will have supper most of the work will occur between the second and the fourth day now you have to remember that a lot of things are going to be happening to these hostages in a very short period of time we're only talking about four or five days can i ask just it occurs to me that perhaps some of the hostages might be reluctant to pick up that phone the first time is it possible that some of the families might not hear right away well there's a possibility again the initial feeling of jubilation excitement is always tempered with fear

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excitement is always tempered with fear uncertainty anxiety and that's an extremely normal emotion and i think the family should understand that that if they don't hear right away there are other reasons that are involved and it does not mean in any way that the hostage loves them any less well thank you for for sharing your expertise with us thank you dr pachenik and now back to willard senator charles percy republican of illinois chairman of the senate foreign relations committee is with us this morning you were awakened early by secretary of state muskie at about what time do you remember all 3 30 he said that warren christopher had initial the basic agreement seven minutes before that what's left to be signed we keep hearing that there are a couple of things left to be resolved yet two agreements the escrow agreement is momentarily to be signed that just involves all of these physical transfers that have to be taken care of but uh secretary muskie did not encounter any difficulty with it but people wonder why it took so long and that basic agreement when we have to look back at how long it took us to really define one french word de tant what do we mean by it we still argue about it here we had three languages persian english and french that had to be all coordinated so there was no confusion no ambiguity no misunderstandings is it your understanding that there is no american money involved in the terms of this deal that they are only getting back with belong to them in the first place not one cent of money other than what iran owned had title ii uh undisputed uh that has been the

big argument uh for the first time at 3 30 uh chicago time when i was in chicago and talking with secretary christopher in algiers uh on friday morning advice a few days ago seems a lifetime ago uh that was the first clear signal i'd had that the conditions that we had talked about no ransom of any kind no involvement in the iran-iraq war had

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no involvement in the iran-iraq war had been madden he said now he can see promise and of course it's been hard the last few days but that was the first clear signal we'd had that all of the conditions that had been laid down have been met in your uh talk with secretary of state muskie this morning did he have any firm fix on what he thought that those hostages might be in west germany no one physical problem in subsequent conversation with the working group the iranian desk there is no provision for aircraft to take off uh at night time navigational instrumentation in the tehran airport is apparently out so that the president's decision on a departure and getting over to wiesbaden depends upon i suppose the assurance that that plane would take off because i understand that the president does want to be back here tuesday but i think it'd be a marvelous thing if he could be there in wiesbaden and see the hostages it's now late afternoon in tehran if i make all my calculators right they still have until until nightfall and we trust the planes are there two 727s they will fly to algiers and i think it's quite appropriate to express deep appreciation to the people in the government of algeria and then on a transfer of planes right on to tehran there's a three and a half hour difference so it is quite a distance that they must cover but i hope they will take off before dusk senator percy earlier this morning we had casper weinberger the incoming secretary of defense here and he was talking about the need for the united states now to make clear to governments and terrorists everywhere in the world that they can no longer do this kind of thing to the united states do you think that we must spell out a new policy i think so i think we have to have a policy now of strength and power in our economy and that's important it's vital because that underpins our ability to have a strong national defense you cannot have a credible foreign policy unless it's backed by a strong national defense and that's what the reagan administration was elected for they have a mandate from

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was elected for they have a mandate from the people that's what we're going to back them up in congress and achieving but are we going to say to terrorists and governments in the world you take our people and you'll pay a heavy penalty yes and that was why it was important that we not pay any ransom of any kind direct or indirect or get involved in the iranian iraq war that's their war not our war and that's why this is agonizing uh negotiation has been carried on but uh kidnapping is is a difficult thing to prevent as we know that every resource will be used to to do this and to bring the power and force of this government to bear on that matter thank you very much senator charles percy who is the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee a little shorter night than usual but uh much to his relief and delighted with the owl we all are gratified thank you very much senator we'll be back right after this [Music] good morning everyone this is today monday january 19th and you are looking at the west front of the capital of the united states of america with the sun in the eastern sky on what is turning out to be a glorious day in washington during the night the united states and iran reached agreement for the release of the hostages and will have full details during this hour of today good morning i'm tom brokaw here with jane and willard what is turning out to be an historic day in washington d.c the final day of the jimmy carter presidency the day before ronald reagan takes office here and we'll be covering that by going live to algiers where the agreement was signed into wiesbaden west germany where the hostages are expected to be taken we don't know when they're going to leave iran but it is expected to be sometime in the next few hours well that's the big story a lot of little stories all around the country as some of the families begin making preparations for welcoming home their loved ones after so long and that is preparation is a is rather a critical word it's not simply a matter of yellow ribbons and banners

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of yellow ribbons and banners someone who knows about those preppers wsmtv nashville [Music] good morning everyone this is today monday january 19th and you are looking at the west front of the capital of the united states of america with the sun in the eastern sky on what is turning out to be a glorious day in washington during the night the united states and iran reached agreement for the release of the hostages and will have full details during this hour of today good morning i'm tom brokaw here with jane and willard what is turning out to be an historic day in washington d.c the final day of the jimmy carter presidency the day before ronald reagan takes office here and we'll be covering that by going live to algiers where the agreement was signed into wiesbaden west germany where the hostages are expected to be taken we don't know when they're going to leave iran but it is expected to be sometime in the next few hours that's the big story a lot of little stories all around the country as some of the families begin making preparations for welcoming home their loved ones after so long

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loved ones after so long and that is preparation is is rather a critical word it's not simply a matter of yellow ribbons and banners someone who knows about those preparations senator jeremiah denton who for seven years was a prisoner of war in vietnam and his wife will be with us they have experienced that homecoming and will share their experience with the rest of the hostage families this morning louisa kennedy the wife of one of the hostages will be with us and we'll finish off the hour the first daughter designate patty davis will be here there was a moment of quiet thanksgiving and celebration in the white house in the middle of the night jimmy carter uncorking a bottle of champagne with members the intimate members of his immediate and official family announcing that the deal had been signed judy woodruff has been at the white house all night long she's there on the lawn now let's go to her judy well tom i can't take credit for having been here all night i did get a few hours of sleep my colleague john palmer was here and and he's the one to get the credit but just a few minutes ago president carter was seen jogging on the south grounds of the white house so we know that if he plans to leave for west germany it won't be in the next few minutes beyond that we don't know what his timetable is the president appeared in the briefing room here at the white house three hours ago to announce what reporters had been waiting to hear we have now reached an agreement with iran which will result i believe in the freedom of our american hostages the last documents have now been signed in algiers following the signing of the documents in iran which will result in disagreement the president added that there are still a few more documents that remain to be signed before the transfer of money can take place and before the hostages can be released what we don't know as i said earlier is what the timetable for that release is we are waiting standing by here at the white house this morning as we have for the last few hours and we are being told nothing further than what we have been all or not all

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than what we have been all or not all along uh that we are on a standby basis the president still expects we are told to fly to west germany to greet the hostages briefly upon their arrival in wiesbaden but we again don't know what time that would take place tom thank you judy and at the state department this agreement represents a kind of exorcism a demon has been driven from that house after 443 days bob kerr standing by live at the state department this morning with some details on what is in this agreement robert good morning tom the state department made public about an hour ago two documents two documents which were signed overnight the first one establishes a procedure which we had heard about before for having an international commission settle any claims between iran and the united states which the two parties cannot settle within nine months the second document though is the most important one that has to do with money the actual transfer the exchange of hostages for money the us in this document says it will restore to the extent possible the financial position of iran before iran's assets were frozen by the united states there is a rather unusual renig clause in the second document each party appears to have the right for 72 hours to terminate commitments under the agreement i'm not sure of the precise legal ramifications of of that but that is what it says a 72-hour uh possibility of terminating commitments under the agreement in other sections of the second document the united states agrees to withdraw existing legal claims and agrees to bar and preclude future court suits arising from the hostage-taking the u.s also agrees to revoke all trade sanctions against

iran the u.s says it will freeze and prohibit the transfer of the property of the property in the united states still in control of the late shah's estate or under control of any close relative of the late shah currently involved with litigation with

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currently involved with litigation with iran in addition on non-intervention the u.s pledges it will be the policy of the united states not to directly or indirectly politically or militarily interfere in iran's internal affairs from now on one other thing that i can possibly add to and help clear up here there are reports that algerian doctors are examining the hostages at this moment in iran as far as we know that is true there are also lots of reports about planes getting in place all sorts of signs of readiness that the hostages are about to leave state department spokesman john trachner told me just a little while ago not to expect any movement of the hostages before noon today eastern time tom back to you thank you bob kerr and for ronald reagan of course the news of this hostage settlement lifts a tremendous burden from his incoming administration we have bill lynch now standing outside blair house that's the guest house where the reagans have been staying before their inauguration tomorrow tom good morning uh president-elect reagan was informed when he woke up this morning and given a briefing on the situation as relayed to reagan officials by officials of the outgoing carter administration he was not awakened uh in the pre-dawn hours however his press secretary jim brady got a call from white house press secretary jody powell at 4 39 this morning brady in turn called some of the junior staffers who were up uh through the evening hours at blair house but they decided not to awaken the president-elect we have not seen any members of the senior staff here uh richard allen is due in a little bit for his national security briefing his daily briefing for the president-elect no sign of secretary of state designated al haig or others but we do expect the president-elect to get a full briefing later on today however we do not expect any statement from him immediately at least until the hostages are on their way home tom thank you very much bill lynch's outside blair house this morning and when the hostages are released as we have been saying here all morning long they'll be flown to germany to an american military hospital in wiesbaden

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american military hospital in wiesbaden for a medical checkup and for an intelligence debriefing doctors are concerned with their psychological effects of long-time captivity we have richard velariani now standing by in frankfort west germany richard thanks tom at the wiesbaden hospital the hostages will undergo a program of rehabilitation designed to help them readjust to the real world with me here in frankfurt is dr charles figlia psychologist from purdue university to discuss this period of decompression dr figly from a psychological point of view what's the most important thing for the hostages when they get the v spawn well beyond the testing and medical reports i think one major factor is reassurance i let them know one way or another both implicitly and explicitly they that they did their job during those 14 months dr mccovent and i as part of the task force on families of catastrophe we felt a strong need to ensure that this decompression program is understood very clearly by the general public as well as the media how will they be reassured i think implicitly they'll be reassured by the applause they get from the news media i think as we walk around here we sense the excitement in the air so i uh believe that as soon as they arrive there will be a lot of applause i'm sure that they'll be getting it in the plane as they ask various kinds of questions to the crew i think the crew will be able to adequately communicate that all americans are very happy will it be helpful for president carter to be here to greet them i think any government official which could communicate to them the appreciation of this country would be very important what what kind of shape are they likely to be in well it's very mentally it's very difficult to tell certainly if we can base it on richard queen's mental state they're they're going to be in very good shape but it's almost impossible because of the lack of information about their captivity that's why this program

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their captivity that's why this program the decompression and reentry is so critical i think that's one of the major things we'll have this opportunity to find out again briefly how long should it take them to readjust it really depends between three days and 10 days no one knows because we don't know dr charles fiddling thank you very much now back to tom brooke hall in new york thank you richard and in algiers it has been a confusing and rewarding time at the same time we have jim bitterman now standing by live with this satellite report jim [Music] okay well jim bitterman we couldn't get to this morning that's where the arrangement was made of course the final deal was signed by deputy secretary of state warren christopher the algerians have been the intermediaries in this whole negotiation they had to have translation between the united states farsi and french and they finally got that worked out and then it was initial there today we are told there's a good possibility that the hostages will be flown to algeria before they go on to wiesbaden west germany we'll be talking with members of the hostages families here in just a few moments but now let's go to willard scott who has the latest weather for us willard thank you boston just in case mr freeburg our producers watching i brought my own map this time and i'll hold this up if you want to take a tight shot of it later on it is truly a beautiful day in washington today in many many ways the weather is cooperating the january thaw is set in we're calling for a high temperature of 50 degrees how about that that's about four above normal and the sun is shining brightly over the capital that was a great shot this morning unfortunately that may not be the case tomorrow good chance it'll cloud up there's a storm system down in texas this storm system should be moving up through the tennessee valley it's lots of rain cold weather moving into parts of nebraska and into iowa and kansas in this cold and wet weather system could converge by tomorrow night and maybe even produce a little snow here in washington d.c as it is now the

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here in washington d.c as it is now the forecast for inauguration days for cloudy rain late in the day changing to snow possibly at night for the rest of the country rain in texas rain and some freezing rain all the way up into nebraska and kansas much warmer across the northern tier states the january thought setting in there as well rain along the coast with gale winds in washington oregon and northern california southern california sunny and 73 in los angeles and southwest in pretty good shape too but anyway let's check and see what's happening in your part of the country this morning we have minneapolis-st paul 38 and partly sunny new orleans 50 and some clouds san diego 71 in partly sunny washington dc 50 and partly sunny that's it for right now back again about 25 minutes here's jay and we'll be back in a moment with two women who have every reason to expect a telephone call in a day or two they are relatives of hostages but first this is today on nbc [Music] well the air was literally quivering with the excitement of unfolding events last night military helicopters all over washington i'm told that people who live here know that that that the the rumbling of those uh helicopter engines overhead is a signal that something is happening and it certainly was and the good news for two of our guests this morning morehead kennedy is a state department economics officer we have said this so many times these introductions louisiana kennedy his wife is with us this morning and also dorothy limbert who is the mother of john limbert who was say a phd who originally went to iran with a piece to peace corps uh now a political officer at the embassy in tehran you expect to be hearing

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you expect to be hearing as the rest of us any minute now that they will be on a plane and out of iranian airspace when at what moment will you feel that you can stop um keeping your fingers crossed i guess when those planes land in algiers and for you it's not i'm just a matter of boarding a plane in tehran taking off leaving air space but when well it's uh probably when he gets off the plane you know in in andrews field or wherever they come to washington you will then have to wait for ten days maybe maybe longer no hopefully uh shorter than that and i think in the role of mother and he's married he has his wife i think she and the two children will probably come first so i'm just uh identifying my role and i have to be pretty clear about that um do you have any reluctance about the state department wish that you not go to wiesbaden and be with your son be with your husband right away oh jane we've talked about this it's been a subject of obviously great interest to the hostage families over the last few months and we've discussed homecoming but the experts and the medical teams all seem to be of one opinion and that is that these hostages need this

decompression time and they need it as a group and i think i kind of feel that the hostage families will need these few days too i i think you agree with me dorothy that we also have been traumatized probably in ways that we're not fully aware of and we too will need a bit of a decompression period too do you are we guilty of putting you under a microscope and uh and and taking your pulse and sensing how you are and is it difficult and have we put too much pressure on you as hostage families would you say throughout the 14 months

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would you say throughout the 14 months all right i don't i don't know that there's been pressure from within us you know and i don't know that any outside pressures i mean this i'm giving you my feelings on this uh have made that much uh different i think there was support in some of this you know well jane i think that the stresses were not from the american media it was the stress was from the uncertainty and the fear and uh the whole set of bizarre facts that we lived with where the captivity was concerned we may announce in an hour or two we may not that president carter will go to west germany it's possible it's not definite we heard some advice a half hour or so ago on this program from a psychiatrist that that would be bad for the hostages to meet the president if the president that for the same reasons you should not be there he should not be there may i comment on that yes i'd like to yes please on that you know in in our profession and i'm a psychotherapist there is many differing opinions as there are amongst economists you know and i think that's important to to remember i don't think we really uh should say this is good or this is bad i think that we don't know really and i don't know that how much of a decompression period they're going to need we're not this is a different situation than maybe the pows or the short brief hostage taking i think that and uh that they're going to handle it and each one's going to handle it differently and i'm sure that my son or your husband would say and look i'm ready to go home i'm going to go home i've been uh infantilized for a long time and i'm ready to go and i think there's going to be infantilized well in the hospital

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well in the hospital there's been a regression there you know and you that they would like to take the adult responsibility for themselves now and say i'm ready to go that's right that's one of the the controversial issues in the in the period of decompression you know but from your point of view is it possible that president carter would be his presence there as they as they deplane would be beneficial i i don't i think it for him it would be let's say let's say for president carter it would be i think there'd be something very significant and they're so glad to be out that i think they'll be very uh responsive to this mrs kennedy you're saying well i'm for it and i think that after all he is still until tuesday the highest official in the land and i think this will be the first uh understanding that the hostages have that they have never been forgotten and much more than that that the country is is ready to welcome them home can we go overboard the american people have been through an ordeal too and there is a sense that we would like to embrace these returning hostages as much to what to welcome them home as to comfort ourselves for the emotional trauma that we have suffered what advice would you give to us vis-a-vis the treatment of and the homecoming that we give do you want to take that well i think it's going to happen naturally jane i think if we try to push it uh it won't make sense but i don't think anybody's going to i think we're all right in the swing of it and it's going to happen just the way it should i think the uh that let me say at the onset that uh the support that we have had from the american people and fantastic internationally too you know it's been great but i think we need we'll need uh or at least the families and the hostages will need continued support uh i think that it's important to listen

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to listen to the hostages some of them may be very angry at the government for some of the provocative acts before the takeover i think we have to be honest about that and very realistic they're going to be angry and we have to listen and let them talk out the anger well thank you for being with us today you've certainly been part of history for too long now it's hard to believe yeah we will believe it when it happens this is today on nbc [Music] good morning everyone you are looking at the diplomatic front of the white house that's the south lawn of the white house and tomorrow new occupants of that uh occupancy that most occupies that most

famous american home the ronald reagan family coming up during this half hour a young woman who will be spending well sometime there i would think i don't know if patty will have her own room at the white house but i suppose she would be spending a little of her time there they're not living there patty davis of course being the daughter of ronald and nancy reagan and she will be with us in this half hour and we have been talking of course about the whole situation between the united states and iran during this half hour of today i'll be talking with senator jeremiah denton of alabama who spent more time than any other american prisoner of war in solitary confinement during the vietnam war and he'll talk about the adjustments that the hostages and their families may have to make he'll be here with mrs tenton let's now take a look at the news as we have it so far with just 31 hours to go in his term as president of the united states jimmy carter was able to announce early this morning that there is an agreement with iran to release the hostages for the latest report from the white house let's go live now to judy woodruff who has been standing by there all morning long judy well i wish i had something new to report tom we are still in a waiting mode here at the white house some of the press staff aides are beginning to take naps because they have been here all night long and

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night long and we're you know frankly very tired and and uh anxious to find out when and if the president will be able to fly to west germany to greet the hostages in time to return for inaugural ceremonies the president in his statement earlier this morning said that the agreement had been reached but he also said that there were other documents that needed to be signed before money could be transferred and before the hostages could be released it has been reported that the president would not leave the united states until the hostages had cleared iranian airspace now that wouldn't be until at least an hour after their plane the plane carrying the hostages took off from the tehran airport and as far as we know that has not happened yet so i think we're talking at least an hour from now probably several hours jane thank you judy oh we all know the chief negotiator in the hostage agreement has been deputy secretary of state warren christopher but we haven't known much about him personally for a profile of the man who brought about the agreement here's keith miller in algiers [Music] for more than eight weeks deputy secretary of state warren christopher has been settling between washington and algiers seeking an end to the hostage crisis several times christopher made the transatlantic flight only to find the iranian demands the talks dragged unacceptable christopher became recognized as president carter's point man in the negotiation talks that brought moments of hope and despair to america christopher a lawyer by profession had no prior experience in foreign affairs before joining the state department in 1977 but since then has handled a variety of difficult jobs for the carter administration including the soviet intervention in afghanistan and the panama canal treaties christopher who was born in north dakota studied law at stanford university his colleagues consider him a man of sound judgment disciplined and cautious attributes that would be used to the limit in the frustrating and often confusing negotiations with iran

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confusing negotiations with iran over the past months christopher has not been known to smile needlessly but this morning as he initialed the agreement to free the hostages he readily admitted that today there is something to smile about keith miller nbc news algiers when we come back a man who knows firsthand about homecomings senator jeremiah denton prisoner of war himself for seven years and willard scott we'll have the weather too for message [Music] now it's time for willard scott with the latest weather forecast for us looks pretty good here for the next what 24 hours or so beautiful in washington d.c about 50 degrees today and really one of the nice things all over the country almost all over the country the january thaw is set in you know how nice and warm it's been out west well they've even had record high temperatures marquette michigan 44 yesterday they took off their long johns to air them and we all know to air is divine to forgive as human or however it goes we have across the country today a little surprise down in texas a lot of rain north texas it's freezing sleet and drizzle throughout oklahoma up into southern missouri and even across into southern illinois and the fact is that that low pressure system will be moving across the tennessee valley and then on across cape hatteras by tomorrow and it's possible for inauguration day here we expect cloudy skies throughout the day maybe some rain late in the afternoon and that could change to snow as cooler

temperatures move in there's another cold system moving across north and south dakota not nearly as severe as it has been the last couple of cold fronts but still colder air coming in new england is in great shape today south florida and southeast is in good shape today uh the northwest gale winds all the way from washington oregon down to northern california southern california and arizona new mexico fantastic now here's what's happening in your part of the country this morning we have houston 48 and some rain buffalo 38 and partly sunny billings 50 and partly sunny in salt lake city 45 and still hazy

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that's it have a pleasant day wherever you are it looks better and better from washington d.c tom thank you board if anyone knows what it's like to come out of a long time captivity and know as well what the families have been going through these many months the kind of adjustments that they've been making and that they will have to make it is alabama senator jeremiah denton and his wife jane who are with us this morning senator denton also admiral denton retired was a prisoner of war for seven years four of them in solitary confinement during the vietnam war was it seven years or eight years altogether that you're in seven years seven months time and four years in solitary compliance you must be thinking about these hostages a great deal this morning i'm thinking about the tension in their minds they're not quite out of there yet and we had a c-141 circling over with a landing delay in hanoi the day we got out and i'll never forget the self-discipline it took for us not to show or feel that anxiety were those the longest hours of your captivity the final hours no i would say that some in pain the torture period was much longer some moments of that were like years when you finally were able to get out of there did you have a different mental reaction to being free than you had anticipated that you might have well i think there was an enforced numbness because first the problem of whether or not we were indeed going to get out or would there be some delay second there was so much to harness within oneself i knew that as the senior man on that plane i would be required to keep charge of my men as we had planned for years we had rehearsed what we would do when we got out so i kind of had a numbness that i enforced on myself tom and i don't think i released any emotion all my emotion until i met my wife some days later about four days later was he a much different man than you had known before he went in there mrs denton no he really wasn't basically he was the

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no he really wasn't basically he was the same man of course the experiences did make him a little more intense and he was certainly uh dedicated to things which he found in this country that he'd like to change we worked very hard on that on a personal basis did you have to get to know each other once again no we didn't um i can understand how the families feel now they feel this excitement bubbling up and yet they try to push it down a little and there's a little apprehension i believe because you think you know will he be changed have i changed but all of that left when he telephoned me from the philippines it was peace and calm i knew it was the same person and i knew we still had the same relationship and i didn't find him different at all were there moments though when you were reunited in a physical way that you had to stand back from him so to speak and just let him have in the current vernacular his own space for a time um i don't think so well perhaps perhaps he had so many things he had to think about and do and he had so many people who wanted to talk to him and he had to express feelings so i guess i did have to do that you had the benefit of a military discipline going for you at the same time which would be a little different than these civilians who are well disciplined in in a different way in an intellectual way but they don't have the training in the bearing that you had the kind of preparation if you will for you there was always the eventuality that you might be captured and you had been trained for that will that make a big difference do you think perhaps i think the overall observation by them of our experience will sort of cause have caused them to go through some uns subconscious thoughts about what they would do where they in the same circumstances and many of these people are for foreign service oriented very patriotic i think capable of having assimilated the basic thoughts one would have to in order to

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thoughts one would have to in order to do well i would like to make one comment tom i've heard it's said by senator laxalt and our new secretary of defense casper weinberger yes you heard it said on this program as well yes i did that what we need to do is develop a rapid deployment force and have a policy as a as an american individual american i would say that the biggest thing we have to do is develop more expertise uh as a nation with the what ifs of a situation in other words even if we had a rapid deployment force uh would we be stalled by the what ifs if we went in to stop a similar situation in the future i think we've got to examine that the media the pentagon the president and see what we are willing to do i believe this these hostages when they were seized i believe that was a matter of vital national interest in the united states perhaps it could have been handled in another way it certainly will be have to be handled in another way in the future we're going to have an epidemic of this sort of thing and i don't mean to detract from the joy of this uh prospective occasion at all by saying that no i think most people do want to deal now with the future and the possibility the contingency that this might happen again based on your own experience now in our closing moments what would be your best advice to the families and to the people who are preparing to meet the hostages as well as the hostages themselves well the hostages i think should try to keep it as we did somewhat self-restrained not to be impatient with those who from compassion are trying to press upon them and find out how did you feel when or how do you feel now and i think jane should answer about the families what would be your best advice to the families mrs denton well i think they ought to take that man home and try to have as normal a family life as they can i believe that just better that way they need to have a lot of privacy and time to just uh slip back into his normal routine best for them to return in your judgment to the surroundings that are most familiar to them or should they get away somewhere do you think i think the

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somewhere do you think i think the surroundings that are familiar to them the home that they know and the people that they know most of all i think so the first time yes of course they have a decompression time in a hospital but and what about the rest of us what's your advice to us we're going to be all over them as well it's human nature and the uh respective occupational diseases of all professions uh have some irritable moments but uh it's all goodwill we're all good american style thank you very much senator denton uh and congratulations on your election of course we wish you well in your term here in washington thank you sir i look forward to seeing you again back in just a few moments a young woman who's starting her own term i suppose i suppose you can say of a new kind of life it is patty davis she is the daughter of ronald and nancy reagan but first station break [Music] in person with charlie mack this week on the scene at six [Music] well it's usually parents who find themselves a little weepy when the kids leave home for the big city but the tables were turned last week for patty davis her parents were leaving for washington ronald and nancy reagan of course leaving california moving away from home oh there she goes again and you well um in saying goodbye all the media was there cameras were rolling and it was by mom by dad and well you lost it didn't you yes i did i did well it was a rather emotional week i think something like that doesn't really hit you until um you go up and all of the furniture is moved out you know and they built that house when i was four years old so that's a lot of memories and i think you know seeing the house empty and they weren't going to be there 15 minutes from me and

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minutes from me and it was hard and [Music] it was especially hard walking out the door and here are 25 cameras and you're losing it in front of all of them you know but it was um but the rush of tears came and and there was no stopping a whole lot you can do about it did it have anything to do with with sending your father off to be president of the united states or was it just a more personal uh daddy's leaving the houses for sale i i think it was more that maybe the other um was in there too subconsciously but i i think um my immediate feelings were i just i couldn't believe that they weren't going to be in that house i think you always assume that your family's house if you've lived there for a long time you you assume that your parents house is always going to be there and it's always going to be your parents house and no matter how old you are when that's changed it's uh difficult what do you think of this new house that a real nice white um accommodation on one sixteenth yeah have you um have you since you arrived last night have you driven by the white house

no i haven't i got in pretty late last night and got up early this morning so i haven't since the election you haven't uh then had occasion to be by the white house at all no i've never been to washington before this is the first time i've ever been here does the uh um well for example as i was saying before last night with a hostage situation developing as it was uh were you anywhere underneath the helicopter blades that were that were chopping and thundering across the sky all night long history is unfolding before you and you are [Music] any special thoughts about the hostages being released is does do you have a sense that one last burden for your father oh yes certainly but um i

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oh yes certainly but um i i just you know i'm mainly very happy that it's finally going to be over and it's been a long time more tears maybe well i hope not to get back to that just just a minute as i was we're saying before that there has been some talk during the campaign about an estrangement between you and your young brother ron and your parents about not being close to something that moment was the first opportunity we had like i said cameras rolling out from the house to see what was rather obviously profound and personal moment between you and your mother is that typical the the weepy embrace huggy type relationship we don't do that every day but we don't cry and cry every day um no we're very close i mean i th every family goes through their ups and downs you know our downs have been exaggerated i think in the press for whatever reasons um i don't think we're uh abnormal in that in that respect but i think i think now we we are closer than we than we ever have been oh what about your professional plans when last we spoke you confessed that um that being daughter of the president-elect hadn't hurt your career one bit and now i hear you're going to be doing a record album how soon i'm going to go in the studio and start recording some songs in february and um what kind of songs is this going to be a rock and roll or country western or uh beautiful music a little new wave maybe no no um sort of sort of country in that area um some of my own songs and uh i'm looking for other material right now

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i'm looking for other material right now do you sing for your father i have yeah sure yeah i've taken my guitar up there and said listen to my new song dad and he actually helped me on on one song what song was that it was a song that i did on on 60 minutes as a matter of fact he he uh said you know i think this word would be better in in this in this line nowhere to hide or no where to hide no place to hide no place to hide yeah oh what what was what was his suggestion i can't remember the specific line actually was right but yeah he was he was it was it was a um one word you know that he thought would would be better changed and uh i took his suggestion but you're not shy about performing you know how some performers will perform for the entire world and cameras and and a thousand eyes until mother or father steps into the room that's true but i guess i am a little bit more nervous performing in front of them yeah any command performance at the white house ever i haven't been asked well let us know in the occasion i will patty davis welcome to washington for the first time in your life it's not going to be the last time we'll be back in a moment first message [Music] 8 53 on this monday morning january 19th mark it down it will be remembered for a good long time the historic agreement signed between the united states and iran early this morning in algiers we have jim bitterman standing by right now in algeria to kind of bring us up to date on the situation there james tom good tom good morning the big news out of algeria's of course this morning is the initialing of that agreement warren christopher went over to the algerian foreign ministry shortly before nine o'clock this morning to initial the agreement between the

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to initial the agreement between the united states and iran from the united states point of view of course the most important thing is the return of the hostages which is covered by the agreement from iran's point of view what happens next is important that is a complicated series of technical and legal procedures by which iran will receive back the money it had before president carter froze iranian funds in november of 1979 iran's monies are to be returned through a central bank it hasn't been specified which central bank but it's widely

believed to be the bank of england and from there through the algerian central bank is in there on to iran in the process of returning to money a one billion dollar account will be set up here in algiers the central bank here it cannot be allowed to dip below 500 million dollars and it will be with that account that claims against iran are paid now the claims are going to be adjudicated by a special tribunal that is also set up by the agreement and that tribunal will consist of three members from iran of iran's choosing three members of the united states choosing and three members which are mutually agreed upon by both the united states and iran so basically the deal is the united states gets back the hostages iran gets back its frozen funds minus the claims that are arbitrated by this special tribunal that's been set up as far as the child's wealth is concerned the united states guarantees that it will freeze all the assets of the shah and his family members that are currently in the united states now what we're waiting for here is to see if the hostages will be flown out of tehran and uh that will be decided sometime later on and uh we're waiting to see if they will be flown to algiers or to the spot and air base in west germany tom thank you very much jim bitterman in algeria where the signing of that agreement took place very early this morning deputy secretary of state warren christopher the man of the hour for the united states will be back right after these messages

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ronald wilson reagan takes oath of office as our 40th president at noon tomorrow he will be delivering his inaugural address it was four years ago that jimmy carter of course delivered his speech for some presidents it is the speech that is most remembered an inaugural highlight our moral sense dictates a clear-cut preference for those societies which share with us an abiding respect for individual human rights to be true to ourselves we must be true to others we will not behave in foreign places so as to violate our rules and standards here at home we have learned that more is not necessarily better that even our great nation has its recognized limits and that we can neither answer all questions nor solve all problems great deal has happened to jimmy carter in the four years since then he ends his presidency today on a note of triumph with an agreement to release the hostages we'll be here all week for the inauguration of reagan and nbc news will have the latest details on the situation in iran and wherever the hostages go throughout this day on the nbc television network we'll see you tomorrow you

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